



Head Teacher's Update

We are at the end of Term 5 - it has gone so swiftly! G.C.S.E. and A-level students are already taking their exams and working hard. We wish them all the best. The school production was a highlight this year with a range of students taking part. That was a particular delight as was the Key Stage 4 Awards Evening. This was a special evening, celebrating the achievement of the Year 11. The main hall was packed out by parents and staff witnessing the students' rite of passage into the next stage of their lives. It is a challenging time for Year 11, 12 and 13 students as they face a future which may be outside of the school where they have been comfortable. Wherever they may go - I hope that they feel equipped to take on the next step with confidence and ambition.

Year 13 Celebration Day



On Friday 17th May, Year 13 students arrived for their Leavers' Day in customary fancy dress. Once again there was a fantastic array of costumes including Hawaiian Hula girls, a trio of fairies, the Grim Reaper and an inflatable dinosaur! All attended the Leavers' Assembly where we were entertained by a duet (Ewan Walton and Beth Atkinson), and a performance by 'The Lost', our Year 13 band. Subject awards were presented to selected students from each course and Special Achievement Awards were given to Rebecca Blakeway and Megan Carter. A guest appearance by Captain America (a.k.a. Mr Cole) and a giant gorilla (a.k.a. Ms Johnson) helped bring the celebrations to a close in typical Rednock style. The Year 12 Committee did a fantastic job of organising the barbecue. We wish all our Leavers the best of luck!



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Year 11 - Key Stage 4 Awards Evening and Celebration Day

On Thursday 9th May, Year 11 students and their parents/carers gathered for a night of celebration. Each student was presented with a Rednock folder by their Community Leader. Subject awards were presented by the guest speaker for outstanding achievement or excellent effort and progress. Several students showcased their musical talents through a variety of performances: Samuel Drewett, Daniel Amato, Florence Walton, Lucy Reeves, Benjamin Lee, Thomas Greenwood and Oscar Hinton.



We were very fortunate that ex- student and highly successful actress, Hannaj Bang Bendz returned to Rednock School to be our guest speaker for the evening. She gave an inspirational speech about pursuing your dreams, believing in yourself and never giving up!

The evening ended with the presentation of 'The Liz Clarke Award' which went to Lagan Baldwin and the award for 'Strength and Fortitude' went to Spencer Chappell.

This event was followed by the Year 11 Celebration Day on Friday 10th May. This was one of the last occasions when the whole year group would be together before the start of the external examinations. The day began with students participating in a Year 11 breakfast, which provided students with an opportunity to take photos, sign each other's shirts and recall great stories and memories. Not only was this a great moment for the students but it was equally memorable for the staff that have worked with Year 11 over the past five years. The day culminated in an assembly which celebrated this year group in true Rednock fashion.





Forest Green Rovers - Guard of Honour

Rednock School footballers were very privileged to be the official guard of honour for the League 2 play-off semi-final for Forest Green Rovers. This came about, thanks largely, to our FGR Ambassador Evie Urquhart who was also successful in winning the FGR Ambassador of the year award. The boys were selected from Years 7 to 9 and, following their official duty, were able to watch the game with a 4000 strong crowd.



One of our students clearly enjoyed the experience and commented:

"Had an amazing time last night at the Forest Green Rovers, despite the result. Seeing the players up close on the playing surface is a very surreal experience and is something that does not happen every day!"



P.E. Sports' Fixtures

Cricket

The Year 8 boys' cricket team progressed into the quarter finals of the County Cup with a win over Tewkesbury School. They now face Cleeve School in the next round.



Rugby

The U15 girls' rugby team were invited to play in their first County Rugby tournament at Kingsholm on Thursday 16th May. The girls had an amazing experience playing on the pitch, with official referees, and coaches from both Gloucester Rugby and Hartpury College. The girls demonstrated some great teamwork and were really proud of their first performance, scoring lots of tries. The team were presented with a team 'fair play' award, with Lauren Farr being selected to receive the award. Well done girls!

Science in Focus

Biology Challenge

This term, all of the Year 10 students studying triple Science have participated in a national competition, called the 'Biology Challenge'.

<http://www.ukbiologycompetitions.org/biology-challenge/>

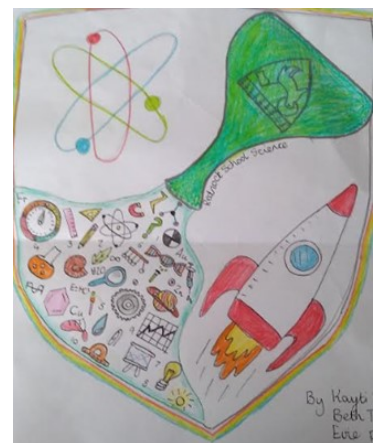
Some of our students have been awarded certificates as a result of their excellent performances:

Silver awards (top 15% of the country) went to:
Andre Phoenix, Emelie Fernandez and Eve Jarrett.

Bronze awards (top 30% of the country) went to:
Martha Herbert, Nieve Brown and Natasha Trinder.

New logo for the Science Department

During British Science Week (<https://www.britishschoolscienceweek.org/>), the Science department held a competition to design a new logo.....and here it is! The designers were Kayti Miles, Beth Towers and Evie Press in Year 7, who won themselves some astronaut food! We will put the logo to good use in the future.





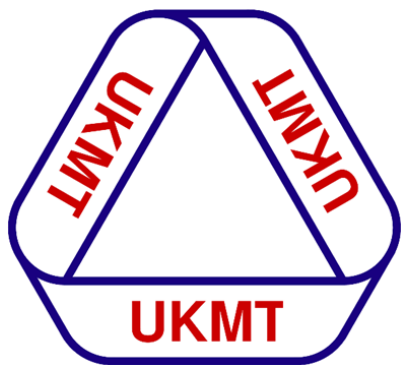
National Teaching Award

The Science Department are delighted that Mr Griffiths has received a bronze award in Pearson's National Teaching Awards, in recognition of his fantastic work with our sixth form B.T.E.C. students.
Well done Mr Griffiths!

UKMT - Junior Maths Challenge

On 30th April, 40 students from Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Junior Maths Challenge. Out of those taking part, the students received 2 Gold, 11 Silver and 14 Bronze Certificates.

The 'Best In School Certificate' went to Acer Murphy in Year 7, who also qualified for the Junior Mathematical Kangaroo!



Well done to the following certificate achievers:

Bronze awards went to:

Jack Bevan, Harry Earle, Joshua Edwin, Flavio Ferranti, Miller Exell, Martha Gruber, Henrietta Hudson, Will Irvine, Zara Judges, Jake Matthews, Jacob Polkinghorne, Conner Roberts, Ethan Trinder and Jack Wayman

Silver awards went to:

Jack Allen, Lauren Bentley, Lauren Buckley, Lilja Clarke, Ethan Clutterbuck, Justin Griffiths, Ethan Matthews, Libby Robbins, Jonah Robinson, Isabelle Smith and Sam Todd.

Gold awards went to:

Acer Murphy and Ted Smith

Rewards Trips 2019

It is that time of year when those students who have behaved perfectly, gained many reward points and have attended regularly are pleased to receive an invitation to take part in the rewards trip. Each year many students are disappointed not to receive an invitation. The criteria are deliberately challenging so that our very best students receive this reward:

- No behaviour detentions
- No more than 10 late marks
- Above 30 rewards points
- 95% + attendance

This year in excess of 200 students have now received this invitation - well done to them!



Attendance

We are continuing to focus on attendance and encourage all students to attend every day. If students are not attending, they are not learning and their progress will be hampered.

At this time of year, in particular, we urge parents not to take family holidays during school time. This leads to a loss of learning which most students cannot make up. Very well done to those students who still have a 100% attendance record. There are currently approximately 100 students who have attended every day this academic year!

Rewards

Community Rewards

The average rewards points per student per community are now:

Brunel - 73.98

Darwin - 78.07

Hubble - 73.12

Jenner - 77.28

Congratulations to Darwin who have maintained their lead throughout the year.

Can anyone catch them?



Tutor Rewards

The tutor groups with the highest number of rewards points in Term 5 are:

1st - J7HCL

2nd - B6ALD/SMC

3rd - B1ANN/AAR

Well done to them!



Dursley Grammar School Reunion, 1948 to 1965

Rednock School is hosting a multi-year reunion for pupils who attended Dursley Grammar School between the years 1948 to 1965. This will be the first time that so many year groups will meet together, and should be a memorable day for all concerned. The panoramic photographs taken of the whole school, including teachers, have been scanned and computerised, then, with the help of Facebook, the names have been added. The years the photographs were taken are 1948, 1952, 1956, 1959, 1962 and 1964. These will all be enlarged and printed, and displayed at the reunion. There are still a few un-named faces on all the photographs except 1962 which is complete, so if anyone would like to try to identify the missing faces, emailed jpegs of the photographs can be sent.

The reunion will take place on Wednesday 14th August this year, from 11:00 to 16:00, and will be held in the Main Hall. A deluxe finger buffet will be provided in the adjacent canteen, with tea and coffee available. There will be ample car parking as it is in the holiday period. Members of the school staff will be available to take small groups around the school premises to see where the current students are educated.



If any parents of the current students have relatives who were at the Grammar School between the years 1948 and 1965, please find out if they would like to attend the reunion. Any details can be sent to this email address: adrian.weaver3@btinternet.com, or alternatively the school office will be pleased to forward any information to Adrian. Email: rosie.clark@rednockschool.org.uk | 01453 540763

It is unlikely that another reunion of this size for the Grammar School period will take place in the future, so we want to give this unique opportunity to as many past pupils as possible

Rednock School Alumni

<https://www.rednockschool.org.uk/alumni/>

Our Alumni is a slowly building association of former Rednock students, teachers and staff where we are starting to establish a community and network of people call "Rednock Alumni". As a Rednock student, teacher or employee, you will always be a part of our history. By signing up to the Rednock Alumni network you can be an important part of our future too. Alumni members play a vital role in helping to develop the school. Seeing people like you achieving great things after leaving Rednock will inspire current students to work hard and broaden their horizons - you could be a mentor and a role model! It's also a great way to stay connected to the school and fellow students once you have left. Whether you're at university, doing an apprenticeship or have been in a variety of jobs, we would love you to join our alumni network so that we can stay connected and let you know about any exciting opportunities we hear about. There is no obligation to do anything after you've signed up but you'll hear about opportunities to get involved with us if you want to.

Improving Communication

Email - We are continually looking at ways to improve the quality of communication between school and home and we are currently exploring the effective use of email. In Term 4, student progress reports were emailed directly to parents/carers and in April we emailed Year 11, 12 and 13 Summer Examination Timetables. At this time, we are pleased to announce that the level of engagement is high (82%). To ensure that you do not miss out on key information, please update your details with our Data Team.

datateam@rednockschool.org.uk

For those parents/carers who have received a report via email, please look out for our feedback form as we really want to know what you think of the new electronic report delivery method. We will be emailing out a link during Term 6.

MyEd App – this is an App available to download onto a mobile device. The App allows parents/carers to see information right on their device, direct from the school. Further details regarding the App and installing on a mobile device can be found on the school website under the Parent Tab | Letters & Communication.



Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 3rd June Start of Term 6 - Week A
- Week Commencing - Monday 3rd June Year 7 Exams Begin
- Week Commencing - Monday 10th June Year 8 Exams Begin
- Thursday 13th June Year 7 Left Population Parents Evening (Booking for appointments closes on Thursday 6th June)
- Tuesday 18th June Year 7 Right Population Parents Evening (Booking for appointments closes on Tuesday 11th June)
- Monday 1st July - Friday 5th July Year 10 Left Population Work Experience
- Friday 5th July Summer Open Morning
- Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July Year 10 Right Population Work Experience
- Wednesday 10th July New Parents Information Evening
- Friday 12th July Year 6 Induction Day
- Friday 19th July End of Term 6
- Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July Inset day
- Monday 2nd September Inset Day
- Tuesday 3rd September Start of Term 1 | 2019|2020

Useful Contact Details

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- Darwin – Ms Suzannah Jones (01453 540773)
- Hubble – Ms Gail Harris (01453 540748)
- Jenner – Mrs Donna Dummelow (01453 540774)

Student Absence Notifications

Telephone: 01453 540755

Text: 07624 813504

- Attendance Officer - Mrs Nerys Croft



Don't forget to check out the School Website and Social Media pages for up to date messages and notices

